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An apparatus for removing a cork from a mouth of a bottle comprises a member for engaging the mouth of the bottle and a handle connected to the member and movable relative to the member. A shaft is operatively coupled with the handle so that movement of the handle rotates the shaft. The shaft includes two helical spikes extending around a common longitudinal axis. The helical spikes embed into the cork upon rotation of the shaft through movement of the handle. The helical spikes, when embedded in the cork, are resistant to toggling in the cork and to being pulled axially from the cork which can cause the cork to break into multiple pieces. The apparatus is particularly useful for removing a cork in an oversized wine bottle, such as a magnum.